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**CC:** Andrew Keese [Andrew.Keese@Tceq.Texas.Gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry for review and approval

Great! Thank you so much!

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**From:** Andrea Morrow <Andrea.Morrow@tceq.texas.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 23, 2019 4:47 PM  
**To:** Ryan Vise <Ryan.Vise@Tceq.Texas.Gov>; Acevedo, Janie <Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Andrew Keese <Andrew.Keese@Tceq.Texas.Gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry for review and approval

Hi, Janie.

This is the answer we sent to the reporter on the same question:

Benzene gas at the measured concentrations (or even at much higher concentrations) does not deposit into soil or water. Therefore it should not cause any harmful effects through the soil or water.

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**From:** Ryan Vise  
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We would be happy to review. Looping in my media relations team.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 23, 2019, at 4:39 PM, Acevedo, Janie <Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Ryan

Really hate to bother you.....My REOC suggested I run this media question below thru TCEQ. Any suggestions?

This involves air deposition which I would not expect from Benzene in the ambient air. I'm not sure the draft answer is correct. TCEQ may be helpful in this response .

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On Mar 23, 2019, at 3:35 PM, Acevedo, Janie <[Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov](mailto:Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov)> wrote:

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Q. Apparently a lot of people have vegetable gardens in deer park (there's a whole community group about this)... Will the vegetables be safe to eat? Should they change the soil?

How does the benzene levels in the air affect pool water? Will the community pool test its water? Do residents need to do anything with their private pools? Does the benzene impact the fish?

A. EPA is not currently seeing levels of benzene in the area that are above long-term levels of concern. Residents should listen to their local authorities for instructions regarding real-time air quality.

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